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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 2063

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PLIGHT OF FORMER GABON AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK

1. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THE FRENCH WIFE OF THE FORMER GABON AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK, PAUL MENGOME, CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR AND LEFT WITH HIM COPIES OF DOCUMENTS IN FRENCH RELATING TO MENGOME'S RECALL TO LIBREVILLE AND THE PLANNED CLOSING OF THE EMBASSY HERE. IN BRIEF, IT APPEARED THAT PRESIDENT BONGO WAS CONCERNED OVER THE POLITICAL AMBITIONS OF MENGOME, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE FANG TRIBE. (A CIRCULAR NOTE OF JULY 17 ON GABON'S COPENHAGEN EMBASSY LETTERHEAD ANNOUNCED THE FORMAL CLOSING OF THE EMBASSY AND THE TRANSFER OF ITS FUNCTIONS TO BONN).

2. TODAY WE RECEIVED A LETTER IN FRENCH DATED APRIL 29 FROM EX-AMBASSADOR MENGOME WHICH WAS APPARENTLY DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY BY HIS WIFE WHO HAS REMAINED IN DENMARK. MENGOME'S LETTER, COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY LIBREVILLE, DECLARES THAT THE WRITER WOULD EITHER BE DEAD OR "IN VERY UNHAPPY CONDITION" BY THE TIME THE LETTER WAS DELIVERED. MENGOME DECLARED THAT HE WAS NEITHER AN IMPERIALIST AGENT NOR LUSTED FOR POLITICAL POWER. HE
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ASCRIBED HIS MISFORTUNE TO THE FACTS THAT HE WAS THE

FIRST PILOT TO GRADUATE FROM THE FRENCH AIR ACADEMY AND
TO HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE FANG TRIBE WHOSE EXTERMINATION
HAS BEEN DECIDED BY PRESIDENT BONGO'S COUSIN.
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